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SUBJECT: REQUEST BY HESS AND EISENHARDT INTERNATIONAL,
LIMITED FOR USAF TRANSPORT OF ARMORED LIMOUSINES TO OMAN

1. AS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY DURING AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATION
IN WASHINGTON, US FIRM OF HESS AND EISENHARDT INTERNATIONAL,
LIMITED, CINCINNATI, OHIO, HAS REQUESTED DEPT. OF STATE
ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING US AIR FORCE TRANSPORTATION OF
ARMORED LIMOUSINES TO MUSCAT. JAMES L. CENTNER, PRESIDENT
OF HESS AND EISENHARDT, TELLS US THAT SULTAN OF OMAN HAS
ORDERED FEW ARMORED LIMOUSINES, AND WISHES TO HAVE THEM
DELIVERED TO MUSCAT IN TIME FOR THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL DAY
CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION CANNOT
BE ARRANGED TO MEET THIS DEADLINE. COMMERCIAL TRANS-
PORTATION BY AIR IS NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE MUSCAT AIRPORT
DOES NOT HAVE REQUISITE HEAVY-DUTY FORK-LIFT EQUIPMENT.
RECALLING USAF TRANSPORT OF TELEVISION VANS FROM FRANKFURT,
GERMANY, TO MUSCAT LAST NOVEMBER, CENTNER HAS REQUESTED
THAT DEPARTMENT MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS TO TRANSPORT
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ARMORED LIMOUSINES TO MUSCAT.

2. DEPT. OF STATE CAN REQUEST DOD TO PROVIDE SUCH TRANSPORT, PROVIDED DEPT. FINDS IT "IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST."

3. WHEREAS DELIVERY BY USAF OF TELEVISION VANS LAST NOVEMBER CLEARLY WAS IN LINE WITH OMANI DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND THEREFORE COMPATIBLE WITH US NATIONAL INTERESTS, DEPT. HAS RESERVATIONS CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF ARMORED LIMOUSINES, PRIMARY BENEFICIARY OF WHICH WOULD BE SULTAN HIMSELF. WE ARE CONCERNED LEST SUCH ACTION ON PART OF USG MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS SUPPORTING OMANI GOVERNMENTAL EXTRAVAGANCE. AT SAME TIME, WE REALIZE THAT PHYSICAL SECURITY IS SERIOUS CONCERN FOR SULTAN AND ENTOURAGE.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY'S VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATION. INGERSOLL

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